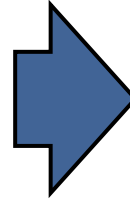
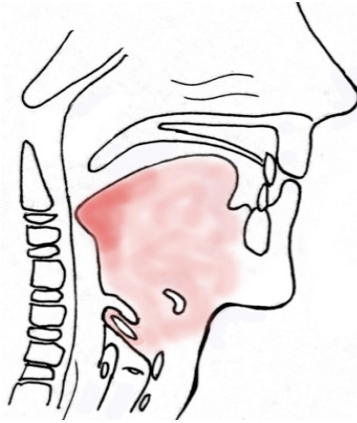


Treatment Selection for the Hypopharyngeal Airway

By Dr. George Katsantonis, based on Moore tongue classification¹

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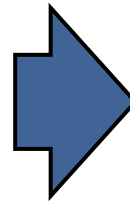
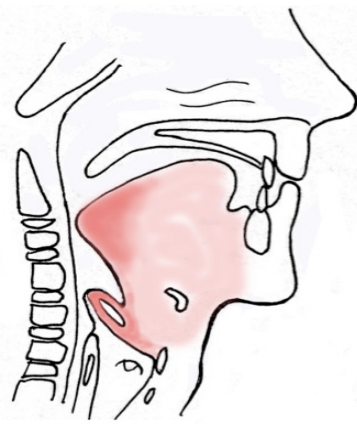
High tongue
base
obstruction



Lingual tonsillectomy
or tongue suspension

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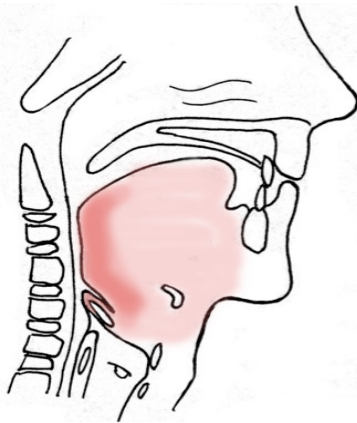
High tongue
base &
retroepiglottic
obstruction



Tongue suspension or
glossectomy/RF
AND
Hyoid suspension or
epiglottipexy/
epiglottectomy

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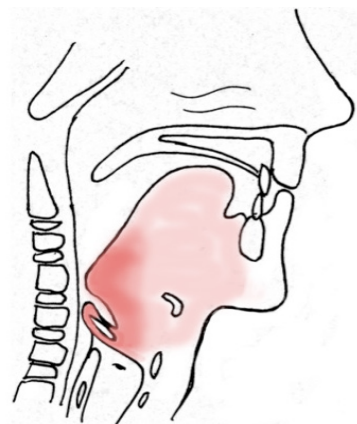
Diffuse tongue
base
obstruction



Glossectomy/RF or
tongue suspension

C:

Retroepiglottic
obstruction



Epiglottipexy/
epiglottectomy or
hyoid suspension

¹ Moore KE, Phillips C. A practical method for describing patterns of tongue-base narrowing (modification of Fujita) in awake adult patients with obstructive sleep apnea. *J Oral Maxillofac Surg.* 2002 Mar;60(3):252-60; discussion 260-1.

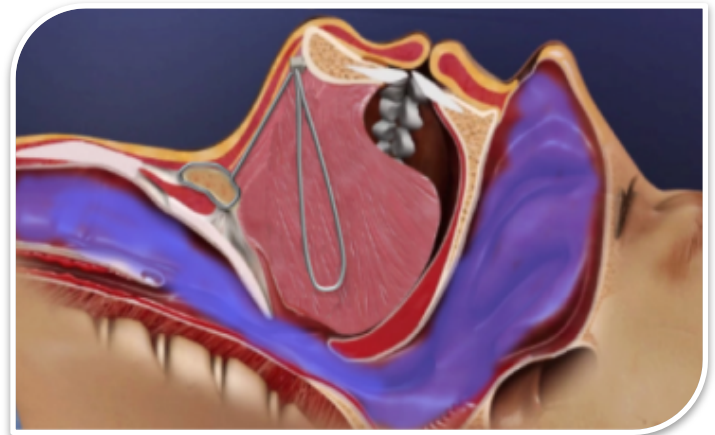
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